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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LEBANESE MILITARY AIRCRAFT ATTACK SOUTH OF BEIRUT

1. DEPT WILL HAVE SEEN DATT REPORT ON STRIKE BY
LEBANESE MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON POSITIONS NEAR BEIRUT
AIRPORT. WE UNDERSTAND FROM INDIRECT SOURCE (CHRISTIAN
PHYSICIAN TALKING TO CASUALTIES AT HOSPITAL) THAT AIRCRAFT
STRUCK PALESTINIANS WHO HAD ATTACKED MILITARY POSITIONS
ON COAST FROM RUMEILEH, NEAR SIDON, TO DAMOUR.
LEBANESE MILITARY OFFICER TOLD EMBASSY FSL THAT AIRCRAFT,
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CONFIRMED TO BE HAWKER HUNTERS, ATTACKED ARMORED VEHICLES

CARRYING PALESTINIANS. HOWEVER, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION IS SAYING ARMY IS RETALIATING FOR SEIZURE MORNING JAN 16 OF SEVERAL MILITARY VEHICLES, PRESUMABLY BY JUMBLATTI DRUZE, AT ARAMOUN CROSSROADS UP MOUNTANSIDE ABOVE AIRPORT.

2. AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY TOOK FIRE FROM SABRA CAMP DURING STRAFING RUN.

3. WAFA, THE PALESTINE NEWS AGENCY, IS EXPECTED TO ISSUED STATEMENT MOMENTARILY. SOME CORRESPONDENTS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THEIR COPY WILL BE "LOOKED AT" BY COL. WEHBE OF MILITARY CENSORSHIP OFFICE. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION CONFIRMS THAT MILITARY CENSORSHIP IS UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT DENIES ANY DECISION REACHED.

4. WE WILL FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY.
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